

REMARKS

Please enter the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 filed in this application on September 2, 2003.

Claim 14 is canceled and claims 15-17 are written in independent form. After entry of this amendment and the previous amendment, claims 15-17 will be all of the claims pending in the application. No new matter has been added.

Applicants note that in the Advisory Action dated September 30, 2003, the Examiner stated that "claims 15-17 will be in condition for allowance if they are rewritten to independent form." As the claims have been amended as the Examiner suggested, Applicants now request reconsideration and withdrawal of all pending rejections and allowance of the cited claims.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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